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Office Action Summary

Application No.

10/531,279

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Examiner

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 13 April 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-16 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-16 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☒ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 4/13/05 and 9/27/07.
- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

3. Claims 1-3, 6-10 and 13-16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by JP 10-273,644.

The reference discloses a liquid crystal sealing composition comprising (a) liquid epoxy resin, (b) a curing agent consisting of novolak resin having a softening point of 75 °C or less as determined by a ring and ball method, (c) a filler having a particle diameter of 10 µm or less and (d) a curing accelerator as essential ingredients, wherein a mixture of the components (a) and (b) is liquid or has a softening point of 50 °C or less as determined by a ring and ball method. The reference example in section [044] discloses a sealing composition for liquid crystal panel comprises propylene glycol monoethyl ether

acetate as solvent (boiling point of 170-250°C see JP 10-186637) carry out the heating dissolution of 100g of the liquefied bisphenol A mold epoxy resins of 185 and the 54g of the phenol novolak resin (as an epoxy resin or curing agent) whose softening temperature is 50 °C as a curing agent as example 1 epoxy resin, this resin solution -- as a bulking agent, particle size carried out N-phenyl-γ-aminopropyl trimethoxysilane 20g (as alkoxysilyl group), silica 32g (filler), particle size 0.5 micrometers or less (mean particle diameter of 0.5 micrometers or less), a coupling agent and a hardening accelerator.

The reference example (inherently) anticipates the claimed invention.

4. Claims 4-5 and 11-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over JP 10-273,644 in view of Sato et al. (US 6,652,962).

The reference differs from the present invention in that the present invention comprises a heat latent epoxy curing agent, which has higher softening temperature.

Sato discloses a curing agent which has low activity at room temperature but induces curing upon being heated, namely a latent curing agent, is suitable to the curing of the epoxy resins. For example, dicyandiamide, an imidazole, an aromatic amine, phenol novolak resin or cresol novolak resin is used as the latent curing agent (col. 6, lines 1-17).

Because the heat latent epoxy curing agent is known in the art to improve the softening temperature, therefore, it would have been obvious to those skilled in the art to

substitute the latent heat epoxy curing agent with higher softening temperature such as amine and imidazole type to arrive at the claimed invention.

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Shean C. Wu whose telephone number is 571-272-1393. The examiner can normally be reached on 10:30 AM to 7:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mark Huff can be reached on 571-272-1385. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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